

# BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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William A. Judge, Chairman

Robert A. Bourque

David F. Arsenault

## MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on April 18, 2007, in the Veterans Memorial Room, City Hall, Fitchburg, and called to order by Chairman William Judge at 6:05 PM. Commissioners Robert Bourque and David Arsenault were present.

### **I. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

**The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 2, 2007 were reviewed, approved and signed.**

### **II. NEW APPLICATIONS**

Friends of the Fitchburg Senior Center for Special One Day All Alcoholic Beverages license for a 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party from 6PM to 12Midnight on April 28, 2007 at 14 Wallace Ave.

**See below.**

Friends of the Fitchburg Senior Center for Special One Day All Alcoholic Beverages license for Installation of Officers from 5PM to 12 Midnight on April 21, 2007 at 14 Wallace Ave.

**See below.**

Friends of the Fitchburg Senior Center for Special One Day All Alcoholic Beverages license for Installation Sons of Italy from 3PM to 7PM on April 29, 2007 at 14 Wallace Ave.

**The three applications from Friends of the Fitchburg Senior Center were continued to the Special Meeting to be held on Friday, April 20, 2007 at 9:00AM by vote of 3-0. Reason: Mr. Jon Riciutti was present to represent the applications. Prior correspondence from the Mayor indicated the Board was to issue liquor licenses only in response to applications made by Mr. William Walsh. Between now and Friday, Mr. Riciutti will address this issue with the Mayor.**

Compass Group NA – d/b/a Chartwells for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverages license for a Reception/Dinner from 5PM to 10PM on May 23, 2007 at Holmes Dining Hall at Fitchburg State College.

**Approved 3-0.**

Compass Group NA – d/b/a Chartwells for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverages license for a Reception/Social Hour from 8PM to 1AM on August 11, 2007 at Holmes Dining Hall at Fitchburg State College.

**Approved 3-0.**

Late filed application: Fitchburg Municipal Employees Credit Union for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverages license for a cookout and annual meeting on May 5, 2007 from 1PM to 5PM at Saima Park.

**Approved 3-0.**

### **III. CONTINUED HEARINGS**

Fitchburg Royal Plaza Corp., d/b/a Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 150 Royal Plaza Drive for Transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages Innholder License to Watermark LLFB, Inc., 150 Royal Plaza Drive.

**Letter from Attorney James VanBuren was read aloud. The letter requested that the application be withdrawn.**

**Applicant allowed to withdraw the application 3-0.**

#### **IV. SUMMONS HEARINGS**

John Kelly, to discuss construction and plans to operate license #0394 00088 at 13 Cushing St.

**Mr. John Kelly was present. Mr. Kelly stated that the walls and bathrooms are framed, the sub-floor is in and 80% of the plumbing is complete. He stated that an electrician is coming next Friday and he expects to have the rough inspection completed before May 15, 2007.**

**Applicant was verbally instructed and agreed to return to the meeting to be held on July 16, 2007 to provide the Board with an update on the status of the construction work.**

#### **V. OTHER**

- Richard Gonzales, to discuss availability of annual, wine and malt pouring license

**Mr. Richard Gonzales was present. He stated that he would like to have Friday night Cruise Nights on Broad St. and serve wine and beer from his hot rod shop. He stated that his longer range plans are to have a hot rod motif restaurant with liquor service in his Broad Street location. The Board instructed the Clerk to send a letter to the ABCC questioning the required procedures for issuing a license held by the City. In the meantime, Mr. Gonzales stated that he would apply for Special One Day Licenses to sell alcohol for the Cruise Nights.**

- Review of fee: Taxi Vehicle Fee if vehicle is replacement for previously licensed vehicle

**The Board instructed the Clerk to submit a petition to the City Council requesting further revision of the new Fee Schedule to allow licensing of replacement taxi vehicles at a reduced fee of \$20.**

- Correspondence

**Reports of MV accidents involving taxi vehicles were reviewed. The Board instructed the Clerk to set up a spreadsheet to track taxi drivers involved in taxi vehicle accidents.**

- Any other matter that may come before the Commission as time permits

**Mr. Michael McLaughlin, ZBA Chair, verbally filed a complaint against Steve's Taxi, 1063 Main Street, for parking taxi vehicles on the sidewalk on School Street. The Board will investigate this allegation.**

**The Board instructed the Clerk to summons in Hooligans for the May 7, 2007 meeting for allegations of permitting a disturbance on premise on March 23, 25, 30 and April 6, 2007.**

**City Councillor Stephan Hay verbally notified the Board that he is aware that Karma nightclub distributed a flyer advertising the sale at their establishment of paraphernalia used for ones physical gratification and also that he had seen and removed from city property a suggestive poster advertising "Sleazy Saturday Nights" at the club. The Board noted that Karma has already been summoned in to the May 7, 2007 meeting on other matters and they will bring this information to their attention.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Farrell, Clerk

Approved:

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William A. Judge

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Robert A. Bourque

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David F. Arsenault